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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tech Coordinators, Educators, and Principals

FROM: Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator

SUBJECT: Education Superhighway Speed Test

DATE: October 23, 2013

The Education Superhighway Speed Test is currently open for October and November submission of broadband speed data. We encourage schools and educators to run the test multiple times on various machines to ascertain an average overall speed for broadband at each school.

Additionally, this round includes a request for **Form 471 Item 21** information from your e-rate application to determine pricing on the tested speed in your school. This data is valuable as we continue to try and find solutions for bringing high quality, high speed broadband to <u>all</u> Vermont schools.

Any student, teacher, or school staff member can become part of the movement to upgrade Vermont schools to high-speed Internet.

- 1. Go to http://partners.schoolspeedtest.org/vermont.html
- 2. Select your school
- 3. Test your classroom Internet in under a minute

By collecting **10-20 SpeedTests** at every one of Vermont's 300+ schools, we can get a picture of in-class Internet access that will make the case for bigger and better Internet connections for schools across the state. We'll use this data to improve school networks, get ready for the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) assessments, and ensure our teachers and students are free to use the best online tools right in their classroom.

Learn more about the Vermont **SchoolSpeedTest**: http://partners.schoolspeedtest.org/about-the-vermont-schoolspeedtest.html

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